

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 Claims 1-30 (Cancelled)

1 31. (New) A device comprising:

2 a portable medium;

3 a machine-readable medium of the portable medium;

4 instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to store user preference
5 information; and

6 instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to provide a template
7 database, the template database including a plurality of user preference templates,
8 each corresponding to a particular device, to allow the portable medium to be
9 compatible with a plurality of different devices.

1 32. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the instructions to provide the template
2 database further comprise instructions to provide an identification template to
3 include user identification information.

1 33. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the instructions to provide the template
2 database further comprise instructions to provide a user history template to
3 include user history information.

1 34. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the portable medium comprises a smart
2 card.

1 35. (New) The device of claim 34, wherein the smart card comprises a
2 microprocessor.

1 36. (New) A system comprising:

2 a device including a communication device to provide a communication link to a
3 network;

4 a portable medium including a machine-readable medium coupled with the
5 device;

6 instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to store user preference
7 information; and

8 instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to provide a template
9 database, the template database including a plurality of user preference templates,
10 each corresponding to a particular device, to allow the portable medium to be
11 compatible with a plurality of different devices.

1 37. (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the device is selected from a computer
2 and a television.

1 38. (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the portable medium comprises a smart
2 card, and wherein the smart card is inserted into a slot of the device.

1 39. (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the communication device is selected
2 from a modem and a network interface card.

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1 40. (New) A method comprising:
2 accessing, at a device, a portable medium including a machine-readable medium
3 having user preference information stored thereon; and
4 identifying user preference information associated with the device using a user
5 preference template corresponding to the device.

1 41. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising translating the user preference
2 information into a format recognized by the device.

1 42. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising accessing the user preference
2 template from a template database.

1 43. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising updating the user preference
2 information, with the device, based on user pattern.

1 44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein said updating comprises dynamically
2 updating.

1 45. (New) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions which,
2 when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:
3 access user preference information stored on a machine-readable medium; and
4 identify user preference information associated with a device using a user
5 preference template corresponding to the device.

1 46. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 45, further comprising instructions
2 which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to:

3 provide a template database, the template database including a plurality of user
4 preference templates, each corresponding to a particular device, to allow the
5 portable medium to be compatible with a plurality of different devices.

1 47. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 46, wherein the instructions to
2 provide the template database further comprising instructions which, when
3 executed by the processor, causes the processor to:

4 provide an identification template to include user identification information.

1 48. (New) A method comprising:

2 accessing, with a device, a portable medium including a machine-readable
3 medium;

4 identifying a user based on user identification information stored on the machine-
5 readable medium;

6 retrieving user preference information associated with the device by using a user
7 preference template corresponding to the device;

8 displaying information to the user based on the retrieved preference information.

1 49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein said identifying the user comprises
2 retrieving an identification template from a template database.

1 50. (New) The method of claim 48, further comprising, prior to said retrieving,
2 accessing the user preference template from a plurality of user preference
3 templates corresponding to a plurality of different devices.

1 51. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the portable medium comprises a smart
2 card.

1 52. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the device is selected from a television, a
2 computer, a PDA, a cellular phone, a portable media player, a web terminal, and a
3 set-top box.

1 53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the device is selected from a television
2 and a computer.

1 54. (New) The method of claim 48, further comprising:

2 tracking user pattern and gathering usage data;

3 analyzing the usage data;

4 configuring the analyzed data; and

5 updating the user preference information.

1 55. (New) The method of claim 54, further comprising:

2 retrieving a user history template corresponding to the device from a template

3 database; and

4 populating the user history template with the usage data.

1 56. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said analyzing the usage data comprises

2 analyzing text selected from closed caption information and articles associated

3 with the displayed information.

1 57. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said analyzing the usage data comprises

2 analyzing audio information selected from words, phrases, and audio expressions

3 associated with the displayed information.

1 58. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said analyzing the usage data comprises
2 analyzing video associated with the displayed information.

1 59. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the updating the user preferences
2 comprising dynamically updating the user preferences.
